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Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that Harijans all over this State are suffering from death, disease and degradation on account of their acute poverty and starvation, will the Government consider the question of taking back this land sold to Mr. Satyanarayana and redistribute it to Harijans?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already said that this is a question of law. It is not possible to re-open a completed transaction. I may tell the hon. Member, there are so many waste lands available and we are giving these to the landless poor."

Assignment of lands to political sufferers in Vaivaka village, Krishna district.

* 342 Q.—Sri G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that R.S. No. 206 of Vaivaka village of Kaikalur taluk was reserved for assignment to the Ex-Toddy-tappers Field Labour Society of Pedathummidi and Vukuru villages in the year 1948 and 1949;

(b) if so, why it was taken away from the ex-toddy-tappers and granted to political sufferers now;

(c) what was the total extent cultivated by them in the year 1949–50; and

(d) whether any financial help was granted to the Ex-Toddy-tappers' Field Labour Society to bring the land under cultivation?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) Does not arise.

" (d) Does not arise."

Sri G. RAMA RAO :—" On a point of order, అధ్యక్షా, ఈ ప్రశ్నకు సంబంధించిన supplementary ప్రశ్న ఉన్నది. దానిని మీరు వెయ్యనివ్వలేదు."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I know when to allow supplementaries and when not to allow them. Now I pass on to the next question."

Committee to enquire into the conditions of press workers in the State.

* 343 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed a tribunal or committee to enquire into the conditions of the press workers in this State; if so, when, and with what result?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In December 1947, the Madras Government appointed a Special Industrial Tribunal and referred to him for adjudication the disputes between the workers and the managements of the Printing Presses in the State. The disputes were not specified in the

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order of reference. A similar reference relating to the disputes between the workers and the managements of Engineering Firms and Type Foundries was held invalid by the High Court. Subsequently the Legislature passed the Industrial Disputes (Madras Amendment) Act of 1949 declaring all the references issued by the Government previously as valid, but the High Court held this Act also as invalid. The Government have, however, appealed to the Supreme Court against this decision of the High Court and the case is *sub judice*. As the High Court held that the general reference was invalid the Government cancelled their order referring the disputes for adjudication."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—"Sir, will the Government be pleased to appoint a Court of Enquiry to go into the conditions of the press workers in the State and instruct the court to give their recommendations to Government regarding the wages, bonus, etc., of the press workers?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"The Government are thinking of appointing a committee to go into and redress the grievances of workers in many such industries. I take it that the press is one such."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—"Sir, in view of the fact that adjudication already ordered was withdrawn in 1948 and in view of the fact that many of the press workers, a very large number of them, are suffering from occupational diseases due to use of lead, etc., and have made complaints about that, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to conduct an enquiry immediately?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, individual grievances can always be raised even under the Industrial Disputes Act and occupational diseases can be considered under the Factories Act. I do not think that these two cases mentioned by the hon. Member require a committee of the type suggested by the hon. Member Mr. Gopalan."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI:—"முக்கூட்டு அமைப்பதற்கு எந்த அடிப்படையில் அங்கத்தினர்கள் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படுகிறார்கள் ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, so far we have had only one Tripartite Enquiry Committee, i.e., for Textiles, with five representatives of the management, five well-known labour leaders and five Government representatives. The criterion is suitability and experience in the job." 2-30 p.m.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI:—"Sir, the question put by Sri T. C. Narayana Nambiar was that lead poisoning is an occupational disease in the printing industry. So will the Government take steps to institute an enquiry and find out if it is an occupational disease and declare it as such?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"May I ask through you, Sir, that I may be given specific instances where this lead poisoning is taking place and the particular printing presses? Certainly we will try to help the workers."